

## **Summary of Proposed Ordinance Relating to Critical Areas**

This summary applies to the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance dated September 30, 2003, and fulfills the state Growth Management Act and King County Code 20.18.100 requirement for a "plain language" summary.

Some of these changes were included in the proposed ordinances that were transmitted to the King County Council but not adopted. These items are noted using the following abbreviations:

SAO: The proposed amendments to the Sensitive Areas Ordinance, King County Code (K.C.C.) chapter 21A.24 pending at county (Proposed Ordinance 1999-0353).

SALT: The proposed Site Alteration Code pending at council (Proposed Ordinance 2000-0525). This is a proposed update to the Clearing and Grading Code.

### **Amendments to K.C.C. chapter 21A.02, "Authority, Purpose, Interpretation and Administration"**

**Section 1 -- Title.** (*K.C.C. 21A.02.010*) Makes a minor technical change.

**Section 2 -- Purpose.** (*K.C.C. 21A.02.030*) Expands the purposes of this code to include protecting against wildlife habitat loss and facilitating long term forestry and agricultural activities.

**Section 3 -- Administration and review authority.** (*K.C.C. 21A.02.090*) Corrects references to the hearing examiner. Authorizes the director to grant, condition or deny application for "director's modifications." Authorizes the hearing examiner to hear appeals to the director's decisions. Gives the department sole authority to adopt public rules to implement the zoning code.